



**WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT
OF FISH AND WILDLIFE
FINAL DETERMINATION OF
NON-SIGNIFICANCE**
November 21, 2001

State of Washington
DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

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DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE

Name of Proposal: STOCK WHITE STURGEON - MULTIPLE GRANT COUNTY LAKES

Description of Proposal: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife proposes to stock a total of approximately fifteen white sturgeon in up to three lakes in Grant county in an attempt to control populations of sunfish and other spiny-rayed fish. The sturgeon are approximately twelve inches long. Receiving waters have no surface inlets or surface flow and have low possibility of connectivity with other waters due to flooding, so there is little chance for escapement of sturgeon from these waters. If successful, sturgeon stocking may be a viable alternative to chemical treatment of waters for the control of fish overpopulations.

Proponent: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, Fisheries Management Program, Inland Fish Division, 1550 Alder St. NW, Ephrata, Washington, 98823. Contact person: Jeff Korth.

Location of Proposal, including street, if any: **Ancient Lake, South;** Approximately 7 miles northwest of George, Washington, Grant County; Section 9, Township 19 North, Range 23 East WM; **Beda Lake;** Approximately 15 miles southwest of Moses Lake, Washington, Grant County, Section 15, Township 18 North, Range 26 East WM; **Harris Lake,** Approximately 15 miles southwest of Moses Lake, Washington, Grant County; Section 36, Township 18 North, Range 26 East WM.

Lead Agency: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

The lead agency for this proposal has determined that it does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). This decision was made after review of the completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency. This information is available to the public on request.

This DNS is issued under WAC 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal for 14 days from the date of issue below. Comments must be submitted by: **November 20, 2001**

Responsible Official: Peter Birch **Position/Title:** Environmental Services Division Manager

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e-mail: prattcrp@dfw.wa.gov if you have questions or comments about this determination.

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